

Constitutional Defense Council

Public Lands Policy Coordination Office

Capitol Board Room
Utah State Capitol Complex
July 29, 2010
1:30 PM

Minutes

Attendees:**Members:**

Greg Bell, Lt. Governor
Clare Ramsay, Commissioner, Garfield County
Bart Whatcott, Commissioner, Millard County
Jim Eardley, Commissioner, Washington County
John Swallow, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Riley Cutler, GOED
Michael McKee, Commissioner, Uintah County
Michael Noel, Representative, Utah House of Representatives
Dennis Stowell, Senator, Utah Senate
Brent Goodfellow, Senator, Utah Senate
Kevin Carter, Director, SITLA (via telephone)

Guests:

John Andrews, SITLA
Kathleen Clarke, UDAF
Dale Brinkerhoff, Cedar City
Dan Webster, Cedar City
Reed Erickson, Iron County
Martin Bushman, Attorney General's Office

Greg Hansen, Division of Wildlife
Laura Romin, USFWS
Larry Crist, USFWS
Bekee Hotze, USFWS
Jen Fox, USFWS
Kate Schwager, USFWS
Leland F. Pollock, Garfield County
Bryant Shakespear, Garkane
Sherrell Ott, Rancher
A. Jean Seiler, Bryce Canyon City
Keith Day, UDWR
Nathan Brown, UDWR
Reed Harris, UDNR
Elissa Black, Utah Prairie Dog Recovery Implementation Program
Chris Keleher, UDNR
Mark Ward, UAC
John L. Evans, Cedar Ridge
Marilee Stowell
Randy Parker, Farm Bureau
Sterling Brown, Farm Bureau
Les Childs, Equestrian Pointe
Mike Styler, DNR

Staff:

John Harja, Director, PLPCO
Judy Edwards, PLPCO
Mike Mower, GOPB

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

The June 2010 minutes were unanimously approved.

Prairie Dogs in Iron County – Larry Crist & Christopher Keleher

- The status and threats of prairie dogs, along with the recovery efforts, were discussed.
- A Utah Prairie Dog Management PowerPoint was shown (see handout), highlighting the following of the prairie dog problem:
 - Limiting factors – threats to the species
 - Conflicts associated with species conservation
 - Utah’s model for resolving conflicts
 - Utah Prairie Dog Recovery Implementation Program
 - Options for landowner
- A discussion followed the presentation including comments from several land owners regarding the negative impact to land values and potential development.
- A motion was made to start an effort to look at the issue with different options, and to include all affected parties to protect the constitutional rights of private citizens to the use of their property.

Representative Noel clarified the statute that only members or designees of the committee and legal counsel can remain when in executive session. Only certain members and designees, as laid out in the statute, can vote on litigation action.

Next meeting was set for August 19, 2010, at 11 AM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner McKee. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.